

Big Island Dairy





WHY DID WE COME TO HAWAII?



OPPORTUNITY

- * Milk Deficit Area
- * Quota System to offset Volatility
- * Excellent Climate for milk production
- * Ag Friendly

CHALLENGES

- * Cost of Production
- * Lack of Dairy infrastructure
- * Labor pool with no dairy background
- * FEED- cost and lack of availability

Raising Corn in Hawaii

Challenges-

- Weather
- Terrain
- Crop Rotation

Opportunities-

- 3 crops per year
- Feed consistency
- Economic Benefit











IMPORTANCE OF CORN

- * Silage is currently 34% of our ration, soon to be 41 %.
- * Possibility of doing Earlage to replace grain corn in the ration. Potential of raising 63% of feed.
- * Grain Corn costs have increased 23 % in the last 6 weeks.

What's Next?

- * State of the Art facility to milk 2000 COWS
- * Sustainability and Efficiency
- * Higher protein forage as rotation crop
- * Additional land for corn production



THANK YOU